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DOG OWNERS ACT DOG OWNERS REGULATIONS

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DOG OWNERS ACT

CHAPTER D-13.01

DOG OWNERS REGULATIONS

Pursuant to section 20 of the *Dog Owners Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. D-13.01, Council made the following regulations:

1. Qualifications for enforcement officers

- (1) A person appointed as an enforcement officer pursuant to subsection 3(1) of the Act shall have the following qualifications:
- (a) education or experience in handling animals satisfactory to the Minister;
 - (b) knowledge of the Act and these regulations satisfactory to the Minister;
 - (c) successfully completed an enforcement officer investigative training program, approved by the Minister;
 - (d) legally entitled to drive in the province;
 - (e) has no outstanding charges for or has not been found guilty of an offence under the Criminal Code or the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* (Canada) that, in the Minister's opinion, renders the person unsuitable to act as an enforcement officer.

Ceasing to act as an enforcement officer

- (2) Where a person appointed as an enforcement officer pursuant to subsection 3(1) of the Act ceases to be employed or engaged as an enforcement officer, the person's appointment is revoked and the person, or the person or organization for which the person was an officer or employee, shall return the certificate of appointment to the Minister. (EC882/25)

2. Effective period of licence

- (1) A licence shall be effective for either one year or the lifetime of the dog, as specified on the licence certificate.

Lifetime licence

- (2) The Minister may issue a licence that is effective for the lifetime of the dog where the Minister is satisfied that the dog
- (a) has been sterilized; and

- (b) has an implant consisting of a radio-frequency identification microchip with a unique code that meets ISO Standards 11784 and 11785, linked to a reliable and available database containing contact information for the owner.

Renewal of annual licence

- (3) On application in the form required by the Minister and on payment of the prescribed fee, the Minister may renew a licence that is effective for one year, which shall be effective on renewal for one year.

Licence not transferable

- (4) Notwithstanding subsections (1) to (3), a licence is not transferable and ceases to be effective when ownership of the dog changes. (EC882/25)

3. Fees

The fees prescribed for the purposes of the Act and these regulations are as set out in Schedule 1. (EC882/25)

4. Commencement of proceedings

The forms prescribed for the purpose of commencing a proceeding in respect of a dangerous dog are set out in Schedule 2. (EC882/25)

SCHEDULE 1

FEES

Service	Fee
1. Annual licence or renewal – sterilized dog	\$10.00
2. Annual licence or renewal – unsterilized dog	\$20.00
3. Lifetime licence	\$0.00
4. Seizure of dog	\$40.00
5. Shelter care	\$30.00 per day
6. Shelter care – dangerous dog	\$60.00 per day

(EC882/25)

SCHEDULE 2

FORM 1

Court File Number: []

Canada
Province of Prince Edward Island
IN THE PROVINCIAL COURT

COMMENCEMENT OF PROCEEDING DANGEROUS DOG

(Section 11 of the *Dog Owners Act*)

I, **[name and contact information]**, an enforcement officer appointed under the *Dog Owners Act*, hereby commence a proceeding in respect of a dog owned by **[name and contact information of owner]** on the basis that I have reasonable grounds to believe (*check one or both that apply*):

- ☐ the dog has bitten or attacked a person or an animal; or
- ☐ the dog has behaved in a manner that injured or otherwise threatened the safety of persons or animals

I am seeking an order declaring the dog to be a dangerous dog and (*check those that apply*):

- ☐ requiring the owner of the dog to (*check any that apply*)
 - ☐ confine the dog to the owner's property
 - ☐ restrain the dog by means of a leash
 - ☐ restrain the dog by means of a muzzle
 - ☐ post warning signs about the dog
 - ☐ have the dog trained or undergo education or training, with or without the dog, and report back to the court
 - ☐ have the dog sterilized by a veterinarian
- ☐ requiring the owner of the dog to surrender the dog or some or all of the dogs owned by the owner to the operator of a shelter or other person
- ☐ ordering that the dog be euthanized by a veterinarian
- ☐ requiring the owner of the dog to pay the operator of a shelter, a veterinarian or other service provider for all or part of the cost of care or treatment of the dog while seized or for sterilization or euthanasia ordered
- ☐ prohibiting the owner of the dog from owning a dog for a specified period

(*Optional*)

I am also seeking an interim order (*check those that apply*)

- ☐ requiring the owner to take the following measures for the more effective control of the dog: (*list requested measures*)
- ☐ requiring an evaluation of the dog by a veterinarian
- ☐ requiring an enforcement officer to seize the dog and place the dog in a shelter

In support of the allegations and order(s) sought, I swear or affirm that the following statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief:

1. **[Name of owner]** owns a dog described as follows: *(provide description of dog)*
2. On **[date]** at **[time a.m./p.m.]** the dog behaved in the following manner: *(describe dog biting or attacking person or animal or other injurious or threatening behaviour of dog)*
3. I provide the following information in relation to factors that the judge may take into consideration:

(Provide any information respecting:

- the dog's past and present temperament and behaviour*
- the seriousness of any injuries caused by the dog*
- any mitigating circumstances (see clause 11(5)(c) of the Act)*
- the likelihood that the dog will repeat the actions or behaviour*
- the dog's physical capacity for inflicting harm*
- any precautions taken by the owner to preclude similar incidents in the future)*

Sworn or affirmed before me at **[city or town]**
in the county of **[name of county]**
in the Province of Prince Edward Island,
on the **[day]** of **[month]**, **[year]**

[signature of commissioner of oaths]

[signature of enforcement officer]

(EC882/25)

FORM 2

Court File Number: []

**Canada
Province of Prince Edward Island
IN THE PROVINCIAL COURT**

**NOTICE OF PROCEEDING
DANGEROUS DOG
(Section 11 of the *Dog Owners Act*)**

TO: [name of owner]

A proceeding is being commenced by an enforcement officer pursuant to section 11 of the *Dog Owners Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. D-13.01, seeking an order declaring a dog owned by you to be a dangerous dog and providing for measures to protect persons or animals.

A copy of the Commencement of Proceeding form, which includes a statement of the grounds for the proceeding, is attached to this notice.

TAKE NOTICE that this proceeding shall be heard by the Provincial Court located at [city or town] in the county of [name of county], in the province of Prince Edward Island, on the [day] of [month], [year] at [time a.m./p.m.].

If you do not appear at the hearing of this matter, the Court may proceed in your absence and make an order pursuant to section 11 of the *Dog Owners Act*.

At the proceeding, all relevant evidence may be presented by both parties. You may represent yourself or have a lawyer represent you.

DATED at [city or town] in the county of [name of county], in the province of Prince Edward Island, on the [day] of [month], [year]

[signature of Provincial Court Judge]

(EC882/25)